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COUNCIL BUSINESS

The Council has acted on the following business submitted by the officers:

"COUNCIL SUBMISSION 22, APRIL 25, 1916"

"Place and Date of Annual Meeting.—It seems important that definite plans should be made before the close of the academic year."

"Convocation Week meetings will be held in New York, Tuesday, December 26 to Saturday, December 30, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science, The American Society of Naturalists (Anatomists, Botanists and Zoölogists), the American Mathematical Society and many other affiliated bodies. Other large organizations are expected to hold meetings at about the same time as follows:

"American Historical Association, Cincinnati, December 27-30.

"American Economic Association, Columbus, December 27-30.

"American Philological Association and Archaeological Institute of America, St. Louis, December 27-29.

"Modern Language Association, Princeton, December 28-30.

"The Executive Committee accordingly presents the following alternative proposals as to place, with the understanding that the dates will be Friday and Saturday, December 29 and 30, which will measurably avoid conflicts if the meeting is held in New York and admit of arrival from New York if the meeting is held elsewhere.

1. New York.
2. Chicago.
3. Some other place in the vicinity of New York, for example, Philadelphia.
4. An intermediate location as, for example, Cincinnati, Columbus or Pittsburgh.

"It will be borne in mind that the Association has met twice already near the Atlantic seaboard, that proximity to the large number of organizations meeting in New York will probably increase the total casual attendance, but that the pressure of the activities of that week may cause considerable interference with the conduct of our business, and that the meetings ought to have the undivided energies of those who do attend.

"It is hoped that members of the Council will, so far as practicable, confer with local chapters before voting. Copies of the above are sent also to chairmen of local chapters."

The Council vote (including a few delayed ballots) was as follows, numbers in parenthesis denoting second choice:

New York 18 (3), Chicago 6 (8), Columbus 4 (4), Pittsburgh 1, St. Louis 1, Cincinnati (8), Philadelphia (6). The Council also authorized the Executive Committee to make the decision in case there should not be 20 votes for any one city.

[Before exercising this authority the Executive Committee is canvassing the opinion of local chapters in the Middle West in order to ascertain whether the special reasons for holding the next meeting in New York are recognized by them as justifying a third consecutive meeting in the East. See also page 9.]

Council Submission 23 was a list of twenty-three nominees for membership all of whom were approved by the Council.

Procedure in Regard to Nominations.—Correspondence between the officers and the chairman of the Committee on Qualification for Membership has led to the issue of the following:

"COUNCIL SUBMISSION 24, MAY 5, 1916"

"Temporary Rules for Procedure in Regard to Nominations for Membership. (Pending action of the Committee on Qualifications for Membership, the Secretary submits the following for approval by the Council.)

1. All nominations are to be transmitted first to the Secretary.
2. The name and institution of every nominee, together

with the names of his nominators shall be published in the next following issue of the BULLETIN.

3. Every nomination for membership from an institution in which there is a local chapter shall be referred by the Secretary to the chairman of such chapter for any endorsement he may wish to make.

4. If in any case the Secretary is in doubt as to the eligibility of a nominee, for constitutional reasons, he shall, before publishing the name, (a) request the nominators for additional information, or (b) refer the question to the Committee on Qualifications for Membership. In case the committee rules adversely as to constitutional eligibility, the nominee shall be notified, and the matter reported to the Council at the annual meeting or sooner.

5. After the expiration of 30 days from the date of mailing of the BULLETIN, the approval of the Council shall be deemed to have been given to each nominee whose name was therein published, and against whom no objection, with reasons specified, shall have been filed with the Secretary in writing by any member of the Council.

6. The name of any nominee against whom objection is so made shall be reserved for consideration by the Council at the next annual meeting, unless withdrawn in the meantime.

7. The Secretary shall keep a record of all nominations, showing the date of their publication and of the action taken upon them by the Council and the Association.

8. The Secretary shall notify every nominee that he may, pending election, receive the publications of the current year on payment of one dollar."

"The President and Secretary expect to present suggestions to the committee on Membership with reference to a different procedure in case the necessary amendments of the constitution can be secured providing for definitive election by a Membership Committee."

The result of the ballot on this submission was as follows:

Yes, 20. No (on particular rules), 2.

“COUNCIL SUBMISSION 25, MAY 20, 1916”

“Place of Future Annual Meetings.—The President proposes to appoint a Committee of Conference to negotiate with organizations including a large number of members of this Association so that at the next annual meeting some systematic policy may be agreed upon as to holding future meetings periodically in different parts of the country, and in harmony, so far as practicable, with the plans of the several groups.”

This proposal was unanimously adopted.